



How you can Adopt-a-Road in Milwaukie, Oregon

What is Adopt-a-Road?

Adopt-a-Road is a public service program for Neighborhood District Associations (NDAs) and other groups who want to help keep City of Milwaukie beautiful by picking up litter along City roads.

This program is an opportunity for community members and the City to work cooperatively to solve a community problem.

And it's a way for environmentally conscious community members to make a personal commitment to a cleaner environment.

How does the program function?

Neighborhood District Associations (NDAs) and other groups adopt a City road and keep it free from litter.

Participating NDAs and other groups agree to:

- Adopt a stretch of one City road for at least two years.
- Pick up litter at least twice a year.

City of Milwaukie:

- Provides access to the tools and material necessary to have a litter cleanup event. This includes safety vests, pick up tools, garbage bags, traffic safety signs, vinyl gloves, and all other items for the NDA and other groups to get started.
 - Participating NDAs and groups contact Jason Wachs, Community Services Coordinator, to arrange pickup of the material in advance and then return all equipment at the end of the event. Jason can be reached at (503) 786-7568 or by email at jwachs@MilwaukieOregon.gov.
- Provides safety training materials and liability waivers.
- Picks up filled trash bags and removes any large, heavy or hazardous materials.
- Erects a sign at your adopted site recognizing your efforts listing your NDA or other group as adopting the road.
 - A sign will be built after the participating NDA or other group has successfully kept the adopted road free of litter for at least six months.



What else should I know?

We'll help you select a road and evaluate it for safety.

A group representative will sign an agreement on behalf of your entire group.

Adult supervision is required for participants under 18. No children under the age of 5 can participate. The following adult-to-child ratio must be met:

Child by age	Adult-to-Child ratio
5-6	1 adult per 4 kids
7-8	1 adult per 6 kids
9-10	1 adult per 8 kids
11-12	1 adult per 10 kids
12-18	1 adult per 15 kids

A signed release of liability is required for ALL participants with each clean up.

Safety is our first concern, and should be yours, too. You must review safety rules with all participants before each outing.

You'll need to schedule your outings in advance; work may not be allowed near holidays or when road work is scheduled.

Why should your NDA or other group Adopt-a-Road?

- **Litter pollutes!** Rainwater runs off the roadway and drains into ditches before travelling into our creeks and rivers, taking contaminants right along.
- **Litter is dangerous!** Many City of Milwaukie roads lack sidewalks so pedestrians and cyclists must travel along the shoulder. Broken glass and other debris can be hazardous to their health.
- **Litter is ugly!** Clean roads reflect how we feel about our community. Littered roads destroy the natural beauty of this special place.
- **Litter is expensive!** City of Milwaukie is concerned about the growing litter problem but there just isn't enough money to solve it alone.

How can I get more information?

Contact Jason Wachs, Program Coordinator, at WachsJ@MilwaukieOregon.gov or (503) 786-7568.